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EC COMMISSION BY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL

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1. CABINET OF EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT ORTOLI HAS AGAIN ASKED MISSION WHETHER SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL WOULD COME TO ORTOLI'S OFFICE FOR VERY BRIEF CALL DURING BLUMENTHAL'S VISIT TO COMMISSION APRIL 26. ON BASIS OF REF TELECON WE HAD MILDLY DISCOURAGED EARLIER REQUEST FOR A BLUMENTHAL VISIT IN ORTOLI'S OFFICE, AND CABINET SEEMED WILLING TO DROP MATTER. HOWEVER, CABINET NOW SUG-GESTS A CALL LIMITED TO EXCHANGE OF COURTESIES AND PER-HAPS INDICATING SUBJECTS THAT MIGHT BE DISCUSSED NEXT DAY DURING PLANE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, SUCH VISIT WOULD NOT NEED TO EXCEED 10 OR 15 MINUTES AT MOST. 2. MISSION APPRECIATES DESIRE TO LIMIT SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL'S SCHEDULE, BUT FEELS IN VIEW OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO OTHER COMMISSIONERS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO ORTOLI'S OFFICE, A CALL ON ORTOLI AS A COURTESY WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE WORTH MINIMAL EXTRA TIME REQUIRED. WE SUGGEST THAT SUCH A VISIT BE SCHEDULE FOR 1715, JUST PRIOR TO CALL ON HAFERKAMP SCHEDULED FOR 1730. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THIS IS ACCEPTABLE. HINTON

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